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Prominent State Officials To Accept Pierce Hall, May 19

The dedication of Pierce Hall will be on Thursday, May 19, at 10 a.m. The scene of this impressive program will be the quadrangle south of the Pierce Hall tower.

The Honorable Stephen S. Nisbet, President of the Michigan State Board of Education will preside.

Reverend Harvey C. Colburn, D.D. will give the Invocation. Following this Michigan State Normal College's Brass Ensemble will play "King's Prayer," and the "Finale" from Lohengrin."

Architect to Present Building

Ralph S. Gerganoff, architect, will present Pierce Hall to the State. The Honorable Louisa Durham Mohr, on behalf of the Michigan State Board of Education, and the state, will accept Pierce Hall.

Dr. Ford to Speak

An Address "John Davis Pierce, an Appreciation," will be delivered by Richard Clyde Ford, Professor Emeritus and former head of the Department of Foreign Languages at Mich. State


Dr. Ford
Normal.
In the event of rain the Dedication will be held inside Pierce Hall.

Centennial Speaker



The Hon. Alben W. Barkley,
Vice-President of the United
States.

Centennial Parade Features Floats

by Abie J. Ulmer

The Centennial Parade will get under way at 11:30 A.M. Thursday morning. There will be approximately twenty-five units and ten bands in the procession.

This parade will be the largest that has ever hit this town. Three hundred and twenty students will take an active part in the parade. Many of the floats are being built by students. Six students were members of the parade committee and fifteen others were active in the administration work with Dr. L. W. Olds, who is in active charge.

The parade will be preceded by a police escort of three motorcycle policemen followed by two Huron Indians on horseback carrying pennants of the college's colors.

Includes Four Sections

The parade will be divided into four sections. The first section will bring forth the parade marshal, city and college officials. Section II of the parade deals with past records of college's firsts. Section III will deal with present day firsts. The fourth and final section of the parade represents Michigan State Normal College's future.

During the procession four jet fighter planes from the 56th Fighter Wing Squadron will fly overhead, and at 6 p.m. during the picnic, U.S. Naval planes will salute the college.

The winner of the beard contest will sit upon a special float as "King of the Beavers."

Ten Bands To March

Some of the bands represented will be the M.S.N.C. band, and high school bands from Ann Arbor High, Plymouth, River Rouge, Melvindale, Milan and Ypsilanti. The state high school championship band, Lansing Sexton, will appear along with bands from the University of Michigan, and the Legion Corps.

Help Wanted!

Already some of the Centennial Decorations have disappeared from their posts. The General Committee asks the cooperation of the students in preserving the decorations.

Anyone seeing fallen flags, banners, etc., is asked to return them to McKenny Hall, or the Ypsilanti Board of Commerce.

Fourteenth Inauguration Leaders

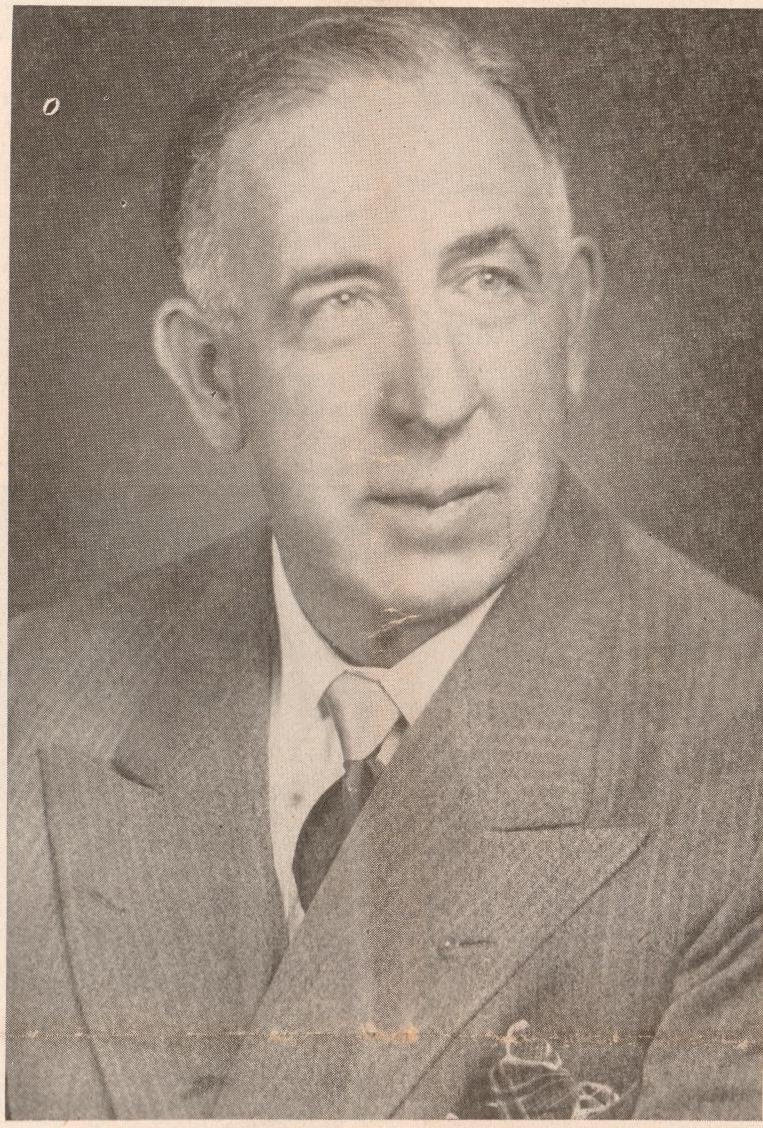


Hon. G. Mennen Williams,
Governor of Michigan.



President-Emeritus, John M. Munson, MSNC.

Leads MSNC At Centennial



Dr. Eugene B. Elliott, President-Elect, MSNC

Colorful Academic Procession Features Inaugural Procession, Saturday, May 21

by Martha Beal

Culminating the three-day Centennial Celebration will be the colorful procession on Saturday morning, May 21, of over 100 delegates representing colleges and academic societies from all parts of the United States. The line will form at McKenny Hall at 9:15 a.m. and march to Pease Auditorium for the formal inauguration of President Eugene B. Elliott, Normal's fourteenth president.

An "Academic Costume Code" prepared by Miss Margaret E. Lamming; University of Minnesota, old gold and maroon, Dr. Owens; and Wayne U., red and white, Mr. VanAmeyde.

Normal Faculty to March

The following are universities and colleges represented by the Michigan State Normal faculty: Alma College, maroon and cream, Dr. Butler; American Conservatory of Music, Navy and gold, Miss James; University of Chicago, maroon, Dr. Glasgow; Colgate University, maroon, Dean James M. Brown; Columbia University, light blue and white, Dr. Garrison; Cornell University, carnelian and white, Dr. Sanders; Harvard Foundation, crimson, Dr. Thomson; Michigan State College, Olive Green, Dr. Loesell.

Michigan State Normal College, green and white, James Kelly; Middlebury, blue and white, Miss Langworthy; New York University, violet, Dr. Robinson; Northwestern University, royal purple, Miss Warren; Ohio State University, old gold and navy blue, Mr. Foster; Smith College, white and gold, Miss Adams; University of Iowa, cardinal and gold, Dr. Marshall; University of Michigan, maize and blue, Dean Isbell; University of Wisconsin, cardinal and white, Mr. Pearson; University of Illinois, orange and navy blue, Dr. Sellers; University of Washington, purple and gold, Miss

Lamming; University of Minnesota, old gold and maroon, Dr. Owens; and Wayne U., red and white, Mr. VanAmeyde.

Faculty Soloists

Soloists are Miss Lillian Ashby, as Gabriel; Mr. John Elwell, as Uriel, and Mr. Robert Hoffelt as Raphael. Mrs. Esther Whan will accompany the soloists during their arias.

The Choral Union is repeating the first presentation of the Oratorio as performed by Professor F. H. Pease on June 20, 1877, at the New Normal Chapel in its fifteenth concert of the Ypsilanti Musical Union.

Franz Josef Haydn composed this masterpiece at the age of "Class of '90" mingle with graduates of succeeding classes

Normal's 100th Anniversary Honored In Three-Day Celebration May 19-20

"May Day", Historical Pageant and Parade To Open Festivities; Vice-President Barkley to Give Key Speech

A very full program has been planned for the three-day celebration beginning with the Centennial Ball in McKenny Hall tonight at 9 p.m.

On Thursday, at 10 a.m. will be the Dedication at Pierce Hall with President Eugene B. Elliott presiding.

The Centennial Parade will begin at 11:30 a.m. starting at Cross and Brower Streets; east on Cross to Huron; south on Huron to Michigan; west on Michigan to Ballard; west on Congress to Summit, and north on Summit to the Water Tower.

Historical Drama To Tell Normal's Past and Present

by J. C. Noell

"Great as our College stands today, it is to the past that we must look for the origin of that greatness." And with those words spoken by the Voice of the Present, the Michigan State Normal College Centennial Pageant begins to re-trace the one hundred year history of the Normal College.

Present Six Episodes

The pageant, with its six episodes which mark the mile-stones in a great institution, was conceived and written by Mrs. Marian W. Magoon and Miss Elizabeth Carey of the English Department. Miss Marion F. Stowe is the director, and Dean E. R. Isbell, the general chairman. That they have done a commendable job, will be revealed at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow evening in Pease Auditorium.

Episode I, Scene I depicts the birth of the college. Various cities in Michigan make bids for the new college, the State Board of Education deliberates, and the honored city is announced. Scene 2 concerns itself with the dedication of the first normal school west of the Atlantic seaboard area.

Offer Typical Debate

Episode II, with its three scenes offers a flashback to college life in the 1850's. The highlights of this episode comes in Scene 3 when the present day world is exposed to an old time Lyceum debate. The question for debate is: "Are The Mental Capacities of the Sexes Equal?"

Not many years after its beginning, war clouds hover over the Normal School. Episode III is a tribute to all the gallant men from the Normal School who have served their country in the time of war. Although Episode III is centered upon "The War Between States", it nevertheless, is a fitting tribute to those who served in all four wars.

Near the turn of the century, the training school was made a part of teacher training. Episode IV will revive a thousand memories for a host of people; it will

Episode V is the episode dedicated to the grand musical aggregations that have been an integral part of this school.

Episode VI presents an Alumni group holding a "gab fest" in McKenny Hall, June 1949. Graduates from as far back as the

At 2 p.m. the Centennial Address will be given in the Football stadium by Vice-President Alben W. Barkley. Governor G. Mennen Williams is expected to introduce the Hon. Mr. Barkley.

The Dance Festival will be presented at 4 p.m., also on the football field. In case of rain this program will be held in the same place on Friday at 5 p.m.

At 6 p.m. there will be a community picnic on the baseball field, or in case of rain in the gym. Lunches may be purchased in the Roosevelt Cafeteria for the picnic, otherwise families are urged to bring their own baskets.

The Historical pageant will be presented in Pease Auditorium at 8:30 p.m.

At 10:45 p.m., following the pageant, a bonfire and refreshments for students, faculty, and guests, will be held in Sleepy Hollow.

On Friday morning at 9:45 a.m. the Second Centennial Assembly will be held in Pease Auditorium with Dean E. R. Isbell presiding. Charles W. Hunt, President of State Teachers College, Oneonta, New York; and John R. Emens, President of Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Indiana, will be the featured speakers at this

The Senior Class will present the Ivy Day Exercises at Jones Hall at 1:30 p.m.

The third assembly program will be held in Pease Auditorium at 3:00 p.m. President Elliott will be the presiding officer. Lee M. Thurston, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and Charles C. Colby, Head of the Department of Geography at the University of Chicago, will be the featured speakers.

At 8:30 p.m. in the evening the Michigan State Normal College Choral Union will present Handel's oratorio, "The Creation," under the direction of Haydn Morgan.

The Inauguration of Dr. Eugene Bradley Elliott as Fourteenth President of the Michigan State Normal College will take place on Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m. in Pease Auditorium. Stephen S. Nisbet, President of the State Board of Education, will be the presiding officer.

The Honorable G. Mennen Williams, Governor of Michigan; and Alexander G. Ruthven, President of the University of Michigan will be the guest speakers at the inauguration.

The Inaugural Luncheon will be held in McKenny Hall at 12:30 p.m. Louisa Durham Mohr, member of the State Board of Education, will preside.

At the luncheon greetings will be given to the president from many prominent Universities, Colleges, and associations.

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A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO MANKIND

by John C. Noell

"Religion, morality, and knowledge being necessary for good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."

Ordinance of 1787

Last March 31, the Michigan State Normal College, as it is called today, began its second century of service dedicated to improving the educational standards in Michigan. Great men have studied here; great men have taught here for more than a hundred years. It is the goal of the students and faculty alike that this saying will be true of the second hundred years just begun.

In the year 1681, the celebrated Abbe de la Salle established the first state normal school in the world in the City of Rheims. In 1748, Johann Julius Hecker started a normal school at Berlin which was later moved to Potsdam. It is after this school that the Reverend John Davis Pierce modeled the educational system of Michigan.

Normal Was John Pierce's Dream

John Davis Pierce, the product of the great revival that swept the Northwest Territory in the early nineteenth century, early recognized the need for an educational system in the state where he was a Congregational minister. Even before the great territory of Michigan was admitted to the Union, the founders of the Michigan Constitution provided for the encouragement of education and on July 26, 1836, John Davis Pierce was made Michigan's first state superintendent of schools.

As a result of "Father Pierce's" indefatigable efforts, a department was created in the state university to train teachers, but this plan failed miserably because of the struggling university's limited facilities. Recognizing the need for an institution whose job it would be to train teachers for the public schools, the state legislature approved an act March 31, 1849, authorizing the establishment of a normal school. This act was later revised March 29, 1850, and it was under the provisions of this later act that the Michigan Normal School was started. The Michigan State Board of Education was also created by the March 29, 1850, act.

Twenty-five sections of "salt-springs lands" were appropriated by the state legislature to pay for the establishment of a normal school and the Board of Education entertained bids from Michigan towns for the site of the new school. Jackson offered all the land desired, the free use of rooms for the school until buildings could be erected, and \$10,355; Marshall, Pierce's former pastorate, offered five acres of land valued at about \$4,000; Niles proposed to give suitable grounds and the sum of \$5,000 to be paid in three equal annual installments; Ypsilanti offered a cash subscription of \$13,500, temporary rooms for the use of the school, and proposed to pay, upon certain specified conditions, the principal's salary for five years. By virtue of its more lucrative offer, Ypsilanti was chosen for the new school site.

A three story, 56x104 feet, brick building was erected at the exact spot where the old Pierce Hall stood. The building was finished at a total cost of \$15,200 and was dedicated October 5, 1852. John Davis Pierce, the founder of education in Michigan and largely responsible for the new school, delivered a stirring address, "A Perfect School System." The Honorable Isaac F. Crary, President of the State Board of Education, formally dedicated the building and established the sixth oldest teachers' training institution in the United States.

Today, under the leadership of President Eugene B. Elliott, as in the days of its first principal, Adonijah S. Welch, the Michigan State Normal College has been primarily concerned with improving the educational standards in Michigan. This week "The Oldest Teachers' Training Institution West of the Alleghenies," is celebrating its centennial and as a part of that celebration will be the re-dedication of the college to the advancement of education in the State of Michigan and the United States.

200 Phi Deltas Here For Stag Banquet

The Phi Dels will hold a Centennial Stag Banquet in McKenny Hall on Saturday, May 21, at 6:30 p. m.

Two hundred Phi Dels, active and alumni, will be present at the banquet. John Emens, President of Ball State Teacher's College; Clarke Davis, President of the Virginia Dare Extract Company; C. P. Steimle, and Leslie Butler, of Michigan State Normal College; and Horace Z. Wilbur, formerly of the MSNC faculty, are a few of the prominent Phi Dels that will be present at the banquet.

This annual alumni banquet which is usually held in Detroit is being held on campus this year because a great many of the members of Phi Delta Pi will be on hand for the Centennial Celebration.

Original Paintings Exhibited by Alumni

The MSNC Art Department is showing the work of former students in the gallery, second floor of the Arts Building, during this week and next week. The paintings show a great variety in style and technique and are of an exceptionally high order.

Among those who contributed works are: Miss Lida Clark, '84; Mrs. Mary Case Dell; Anne Barson Niparko, '44; Mary Joseph, '39; Justine Enss, '42; Blanche McLenna Heddle, '48; Ann Gill, '45; Frances Baker Overton, '33; Laurel Garthe Sigmon, '31; Miriam Hollway, '33; Emil Weddige, '34; Kingsley Calkins, '43; Roberta MacMullen, Mildred Mack, '44; Helen Mann LaBounty, '40; Irving Kidd, '40; Harold Stein, '42; Elizabeth Palmer Gregg, '39; Katherine Evans, '47; and Betty Aitchison, '48. The department is also showing several paintings of Miss Bertha Goodison, '94, who was for many years head of the Department.

The exhibit will continue until May 27; hours are from 9-5 p.m. daily.

Business Education Majors Plan Dinner

Honoring Senior majors in Business Education, the Business Club and Pi Omega Pi Fraternity will hold its first annual banquet at the White Gables, 1004 W. Michigan, next Thursday, May 26 at 6:30 p. m. Dr. Irene Peace, professor of Business Education, U.M., will be guest speaker.

Honor Students

Highlighting the evening's festivities, honor will also be given to the two most outstanding students in the department who have

Centennial Queen



Chosen by Students: Nora Amerman, Gregory Junior, will reign over the Centennial Celebration as the "Queen of the May Day" as a result of last week's campus-wide election. Miss Amerman will have an individual float in the Parade, tomorrow, and will be officially crowned Queen by President Eugene B. Elliott in the elaborately-planned ceremony at the "May Day on the Green".

State Educational Leader



The Honorable Lee M. Thurston, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will address the Assembly Friday afternoon on "Our Educational Needs."

been chosen by the staff and students for exceptional achievement.

Tickets for the affair may be purchased from Charles Alber, Helen Eveland, or William Evans off.

Senior guests include: Cornelia Alban, Ruby Bennett, Ellsworth Chase, Eleanor Clark, Jessie Crake, Marian Eberle, Shirley Eschelbach, Robert Goss, Walter Holliday, Robert Priess, Alice Robin, and Margaret Tucholski. Dean and Mrs. Egbert R. Isbell are the faculty guests.

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Faculty Emeritus Members Reside Near College Campus; Remain Active In City

by Rita Ziegler

In order both to honor some of those who have helped make this institution what it is today and to familiarize the present students with such people, a little information on some of the Emeritus members of the faculty has been gathered.

Twenty-four Active Members

Many of those who once served this college so well are still living in Ypsilanti because of their love and attachment for both the college and town. Retiring, to many of these people, didn't mean a decreased activity; in some cases, it meant rather an increase. Now these people are busy doing the things they've always wanted to do but never had time for during their active service. Some of them are studying, collecting, writing, traveling, and participating in civic affairs. These Emeritus members of the faculty are twenty-four as listed in the college catalog.

Heading any list of this kind would be ex-president John M. Munson. His contributions to the college is indeed outstanding. Just the fact that ten new buildings were erected during his administration says more than words.

Dr. Carl Pray, still a resident of Ypsilanti, was head of the History Department during President McKenny's day.

Dr. Mark Jefferson, once head of our Geography Department, is an internationally known figure.

Dr. R. Clyde Ford was head of the Modern Language Department from 1902 until a few years ago. He is both an authority on Michigan History and a writer of books for boys in Michigan.

Professor Springman organized the Commercial Department in 1941 and served as its first head.

Dr. Thomas E. Lindquist, once head of the Mathematics Department, writes articles for gardening magazines.

Professor Bertha Beull who was in the History Department has now turned to civic and political affairs, as has Miss Estelle Downing, formerly of the English Department.

Some Enjoy Traveling
Three members of the Emeritus

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"Cover-Up"

faculty who seem to enjoy traveling are Dr. Snow, former Director of Health Service; Professor Clara Allison of the Modern Language Department; and Miss Estabrook Rankin of the English Department.

Miss Gertrude Phelps turned from her Training School work to church work while Miss Jane Matteson of the Mathematics Department, and Miss McKay of the Speech Department have turned to civic affairs.

Dr. B. W. Peet of the Chemistry Department has also turned to civic affairs, as has Miss Jessie Phelps who worked in the Natural Science Department.

Prof. Frederick B. McKay has centered his interest on business and civic affairs. He was head of the Speech Department.

Miss Anna Field, formerly of the History Department, does some writing. Miss Lida Clark and Miss Eleanor Strafer were associated with our Fine Arts Department. The latter now resides in San Diego, California. Another member of the Emeritus faculty now lives in the southwest, Santa Fe, New Mexico to be exact. This gentleman, Mr. Frederick Alexander, was head of the Music Department for thirty some odd years.

Phoenix, Arizona is now the home of Professor Alma Blount, formerly of the English Department. Miss Blanch Emery, also of the English Department, is now in a Convent in Cleveland.

Sophomores Will Meet Next Tuesday, May 24

A Sophomore Class meeting will be held next Tuesday, May 24, at 10 a.m. in the private dining rooms of Charles McKenny Hall. All members of the class are especially urged to be present because nominations for officers for the next year will be made at this meeting. The final election of officers will be on Thursday, May 26.

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The West Goes Collegiate!

Campus Religious Organizations Have Interesting Historical Background Since 1892

by Rita Ziegler

The histories of the eight religious organizations on campus are very interesting. Yet one wonders how many of us know the history of our own organizations, much less those of the other groups. All eight histories could not be obtained, the three omitted being those of Hillel Foundation which is Jewish, the Canterbury Club which is Episcopalian, and the Inter-Faith Council which is made up of representatives of each of the other seven organizations.

Huron Christian Fellowship

Huron Christian Fellowship was organized as the local chapter of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship in the fall of 1941. The organization carried on an active program from the fall of 1941 through the spring semester of 1943.

Since January, 1945, when Huron Christian Fellowship was reorganized, the organization has had a steady growth both in size and in added activities. The Fellowship now holds bi-weekly meetings, daily Bible studies and prayer meetings in Starkweather Hall, and the various dormitories besides a social once a month.

Newman Club

As early as 1892 there was a club composed of Catholic students on this campus under the direction of Father Kennedy. Throughout the years, as the enrollment in the college increased, so did the number of Catholic students. Consequently, a Newman Club was organized and is today formally recognized by the college authorities as such.

At present there are over four hundred and fifty Catholic students attending MSNC and are affiliated indirectly with the club. The active membership numbers over a hundred students. A Constitution has been adopted which provides for the annual election of officers, meetings, etc. The present director of the Newman Club is Fr. William Hoerauf of St. John's Catholic Church.

Christian Youth Fellowship

The Christian Youth Fellowship had its beginnings long ago with the separate student groups of the Baptist, Congregational, and Presbyterian Churches. In Sept. 1940, the two former groups united their work and adopted the present name, Christian Youth Fellowship. In the same year a constitution was adopted by the group. In the spring of 1946 the student work of the Presbyterian Church was united with C. Y. F.

The activities of the group include vespers, parties, student classes, retreats, and the Annual Homecoming Dinner, Senior Reception, and the Alumni Picnic.

Lutheran Student Association

The Lutheran Student Association was founded in the fall of 1927 by Reverend Hugo Fenker, with Dr. Clarence Loesell as faculty advisor. The group met monthly on Friday nights. In 1935 the group numbered in the eighties and met bi-monthly. A Christmas party and spring picnic is held at Dr. Loesell's home each year. In 1947 the group started to hold its meetings weekly, on Sunday evening. The group is composed of students from all the various synods.

Wesley Foundation

The Wesley Foundation on this campus was founded in 1926. Most of the time since its incorporation, the Foundation has had a Director of Student Activities.

Since 1940 some of the student activities have been carried on at the Church House as well as the Methodist Church. At one time, before the students began leaving the campus each weekend, there was a Bible Class of approximately two hundred students.

Fellowship suppers, vespers, parties, Sunday School Class, and retreats are some of the Foundation's activities. Some of the members also engage in summer projects such as canvassing.

Normal's Perennial Professors Relate Rousing Incidents of Early College Days

by Pat Chick & Sally Butler

When your two wandering reporters were sent out to get some humorous incidents that have happened on your campus in the past years, they were puzzled. Being rather young and also new at Michigan State Normal College, it was decided the best way to cope with the situation was to interview several of the instructors on campus. Of course, the instructors at first were rather shy about divulging any secrets, but soon they began to talk.

Circus Reveals Smell

Miss Boughner of the physical education department tells of an incident that happened one year at the presentation of their annual circus. The year was about 1928, and the place was the west room of the gymnasium building. Miss Boughner tells us that the clown was given permission to let a skunk loose in the room during the performance and then turn out the lights. Friends had led the clown to believe that there would be no scent as the skunk had been properly taken care of. But as the skunk was freed, and the clown started chasing it, the animal let off with its sweet odor. It wasn't long before the west gym was empty of people, and the circus for that year was over.

Another incident which was related by Miss Boughner nearly caused the burning down of our dearly beloved gym. It seems that at this circus the clowns were a group of volunteer firemen. They erected a large paper house in the gym, and during the performance the house was to be filled with smoke and in the upper dorm window was a young college coed calling for help, but at the performance when she saw real fire, she got scared and

U. M. Fellows Dunked

However, everything does not happen in the physical education department. Dr. S. Fagerstrom, the well known history professor, while reminiscing, recalled an incident that occurred about the same time as Miss Boughner's. As you know, years ago our college had many more girls on campus than it did boys. Therefore, the Normal girls would very often date fellows from our nearby rival school, the University of Michigan. It was in the late twenty's when our campus began to be flooded with fellows. Naturally, these boys, looking out for the interest of the college, resented the fact that MSNC girls were dating University fellows and decided to put a stop to it. After thinking the situation over thoroughly, they thought they had a good solution. The next night the Normal fellows gathered into a large gang and lay in waiting for the University fellows. When they arrived, the Normal boys took each of the University love-struck fellows and dunked him in the fountain, the same fountain that you see in the center of campus today.

Relate Ann Boleyn Fable

Miss Herrick, known to most of the Normal students for her beautiful handwriting, tells this story. The name Ann Boleyn was given to a class for handwriting practice. Someone asked what that was. Another student quickly replied that it was a flatiron. Asked where he obtained that information he said, "The history tells us that Henry VIII pressed his suit with Ann Boleyn."

College President to Speak

Centennial Costs Run Well Over \$7000

by W. Manko

Mr. Benjamin Klager, chairman of the Centennial Finance Committee, stated that the entire cost of the Centennial would be about \$7,000.

A breakdown of the costs shows that \$2,000 has been allocated to the following committees: publications, parade and floats, flags, pageant, May Day on the Green, Music and Records (tape recordings and films both color and black and white).

Brochure Will Be Free

The Centennial Brochure, a 32-page souvenir of the gala affair was printed at a cost of \$1600. Ten thousand copies were printed for distribution to each faculty member, student and possibly alumni members. At first it was planned that each brochure would be sold for twenty-five cents, but it was later decided that the costs should be defrayed by the sale of the centennial stamps. This sale of stamps gives each student an opportunity to contribute his efforts in making the centennial a success.

A further breakdown of expenses also includes \$900 for speakers and entertainment, \$400 for Centennial stamps, printing of programs \$600, and \$750 for postage and miscellaneous.

State Allocates Funds

Two thousand dollars were allocated from the Local Fund by the State Board of Education to cover part of the expenses while the remainder of the costs have to be paid for from the sale of stamps.

Those instructors who are working on the extension service are giving aid by selling stamps to their classes, while local merchants and private parties have cooperated by ordering appreciable sums of stamps.

The Ypsilanti Junior Chamber of Commerce is helping to distribute the stamps to merchants and industries in Ypsilanti.

The alumni of the college are being contacted through correspondence and requested to make purchases of these stamps.

The tremendous task of carrying on correspondence and distributing the stamps has been worked out by the Finance Committee composed of Mayor of Ypsilanti, Mr. Quirk, Mr. Ungradt, Mr. Willoughby and Miss Cooper.

Each of the dormitories have been assigned a number of stamps to sell, and though there is no prize attached with the number of stamps sold, there should be incentive enough to make the 100th anniversary of the college a lasting and memorable occasion.

Initiate "Collar Box"

The girls' boarding houses only served two meals on Sunday, and out of this habit came the "collar box" fad. Sandwiches, or whatever was to be devoured at the evening meal, were served at dinner. The girls then tucked their rations away in a small pasteboard box, which was appropriately called a "collar box" because the containers once contained men's large starched collars.

The girl's residences had regulations much as our present day dormitories . . . except for one fact . . . they could entertain their dates as they would in their own homes. Entertainment always consisted of an old piano and a group of students harmonizing in the old barbershop manner, a mellow mandolin, and a light-hearted game of cards.

100 That seems to be the Magic Number just now - 100!

Here's to the President, Faculty, and Students of Michigan State Normal College!

Grongratulations for the historic century completed, and best wishes for the Century to come.

STANLEY'S

On Cross 'Cross College Campus

On Guard for Near-Third Century

Speaks on "Economy"

McKenny Hall Plans To Provide for Guests

by Lyn Green

Although meals will be served as usual in the cafeteria at Charles McKenny Hall, on Thursday afternoon following the "May Day on the Green", a picnic lunch will be held at Briggs Field. Those attending may either bring their own basket lunches or buy box lunches prepared by the college. These will be sold for sixty-five cents each. The Food Committee urges that anyone desiring a lunch purchase a ticket at McKenny Hall beforehand so that there can be an ample supply of food. If the weather is bad, the picnic will be held in the gymnasium.

Inaugural Luncheon

About four hundred guests are expected to attend the Inaugural Luncheon. A large number of these will be the representatives from the various colleges and organizations who have been invited to participate in the inaugural ceremonies earlier that day. The luncheon will be served on Saturday at 12:30 in the ballroom of Charles McKenny Hall.

Housing

Guests who desire housing may apply at Charles McKenny Hall, which will be the official headquarters for the Centennial. The Housing Committee will have a list of available rooms.

To Speak For "MSNC"



John R. Emens, '26, President of Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Indiana, will tell of the "Contributions of Michigan State Normal College" at the Assembly Friday morning in Pease Auditorium.

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We found Al Berg and Joyce Nuremberg "studying" Shakespeare on the lawn in front of the Arts Building. Editors note: They didn't finish the assignment.

Munson Hall — Male Scenes



Here you see "Ma" Hershey with part of her boarders. The Hershey's have been mighty popular Head Residents at Munson Hall this year.

Here's One From Your Day, Alumni



We couldn't figure out what this girls' gym class was doing, but we thought the costumes were eye catching.

Editor's note: Wonder if these gym suits are "new look" enough for MSNC coeds.

Photography by HANK HENDRICKS

Tennis Courts Provide Relaxation



In the springtime tennis becomes contagious around the campus. The courts are always filled, mostly with amateurs.

Editor's note: At least on this day.

FROM THE NEW TO THE OLD — 1849 - 1949



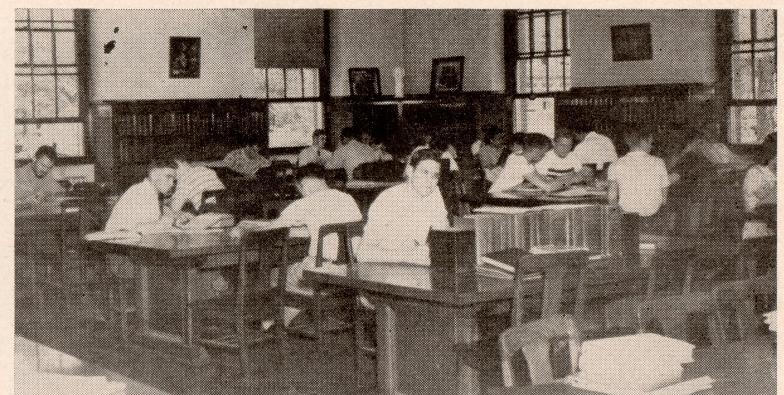
This is the first picture of Pierce Hall published in the Normal News since its completion. The tower is now the dominating attraction of the campus.

Too Bad We Don't Have These Now!



This is a picture of the first trolley car arriving at the campus from Detroit. We would like to see someone make their eight o'clock on the trolley.

College Library Is A Busy Place



Our traveling photographer even found some students studying in the springtime.

Editor's note: No explanation.

Dean of Women



A nice thing about the Deans of Men and Women at MSNC is that they always have time for the students. Dean Hill is very coed's "big sister" at Normal.

Dean of Men



"Bingo" had an accident and broke his arm a little while ago, but we found him hard at work in his office with that ever present smile that he has for all the students.

First Student Union At A State School



No Normal News pictorial section would be complete without a shot of the Union which is the center of all student activity.

Michigan Normal - First in Physical Education

"Michigan Normal the first college in the United States to establish a department to train teachers in Physical Education, 1888."

Gateway to Thrills



Pictured above is the Normal College Gym which was constructed in 1893 and since that time has housed all women's indoor athletics and all men's athletics except track. The Gym houses the oldest indoor pool in the State of Michigan. It also contains three basketball courts and offices of the members of the physical education department. The **Normal College News** has its office on the second floor of the building.

Outdoor Lair of Michigan Normal's Hurons



Pictured above is Michigan Normal's outdoor athletic plant which ranks as one of the finest college plants in the entire nation. The entire plant was the gift of Walter O. Briggs Sr., prominent Detroit industrialist. The concrete football stands will seat over 2,000 fans and the baseball stadium can accommodate 1,800. The football field will be the site of this year's celebration of "May Day on the Green."

Rampart of Physical Strength

Where Championship Track Teams Are Built



Another gift of W. O. Briggs Sr. is the modern Field House which is the first building in a development which is hoped to bring to the Normal campus one of the largest and best equipped field houses in the state. At the present time the building houses the small indoor track as well as locker rooms and offices of the coaching staff.



Through this entrance to W. O. Briggs Athletic Fields pass the many supporters of the Normalite athletic teams. With its modern architecture this gateway is thought by many to be one of the most scenic spots on the M.S.N.C. campus. Spectators attending Thursday's May Day on the Green will use this entrance to the football field.

Huron Warriors of Years Gone By

1900's Green and White Gridders



It can easily be seen that the Normalite baseball squad of 1900 was more flashily dressed if not as well equipped as its 1949 counterpart. An interesting oddity concerning this baseball squad is the belief that during the ball game with Olivet at Olivet the Huron's drinking water was doped. Incidentally, for that or other reasons the Normalites went down to defeat 13-4.

1900's Diamond Squad Won Seven - Lost Two



The Normalite squad pictured above is the pigskin eleven which represented the college in the fall of 1900. C. P. Steimle, at present registrar of the Normal College, was the right halfback on this eleven and can be seen in the last row. It can easily be seen how athletic equipment has advanced since the early days of football at M.S.N.C. Of special note is the quilted shoulder padding on the men in the front and back rows.

Michigan Normal Physical Education Department Dates Back to 1860

After much tiring research Dr. L. W. Olds of the college Intramural Department has compiled an interesting and long neglected history of the Michigan Normal Physical Education Department. It is a year by year account of interesting happenings on the physical education scene here at Normal. In this Centennial issue of the **News** we take pleasure in presenting this documented history to students, faculty members, alumni, and friends of the College.

1860 — As early as 1860 the Board of Education urged the need of a building for physical culture.

1862 — In 1862 a wooden gymnasium, the first of its kind in the state, was erected at the cost of \$1200 on the site now occupied by the present library.

1873 — The gymnasium with its equipment was completely destroyed by fire. After the fire, classes in physical culture were held in a large room on the second floor of the old main building and later in the basement of the new south wing.

1887 — A formal organization of the athletic association was completed with Professor Geo. F. Key elected first President; W. P. Bowen, Director of sports. Baseball and tennis was established during this year.

1888 — Teacher training courses in physical education were offered for the first time by any state college or university in the United States.

1889 — Formal varsity teams in athletics were organized by Joe Jenkins a Canadian student.

1890 — J. M. Swift introduced scientific football. The first Field Day was held back of the old main building. The 100 yard dash was run on a cinder walk and an iron dumb bell was used for a shot. Frank H. Hyster starting at Congress Street won the foot race (440 yards) on Summit Street to the Water Tower. Mrs. Fred Jeffers and Mrs. Lucy Osband were the early women gymnastic teachers, 1888 to 1894.

1892 — Track was officially organized on the campus by Joe Jenkins, Western Conference Hammer Throw champion. College joined the M.I.A.A.

1893 — The new modern gymnasium was erected on the Normal Street site, purchased jointly by the citizens of Ypsilanti and the State Board of Education.

1894 — A department of Physical Education was established by Professor W. B. Bowen, director and Miss Fanny C. Burton assistant. Two years were required to complete the course including special subjects in applied anatomy, methods in Physical Training and practice teaching.

1895 — The varsity baseball team won state intercollegiate cup. John A. Morse, our first great all-round athlete in the history of athletics at the college established a remarkable record this year.

1901 — The varsity baseball team was undefeated.

1903 — A major course (two years) specializing in Physical Education, one of the very first in the Midwest was established on the campus.

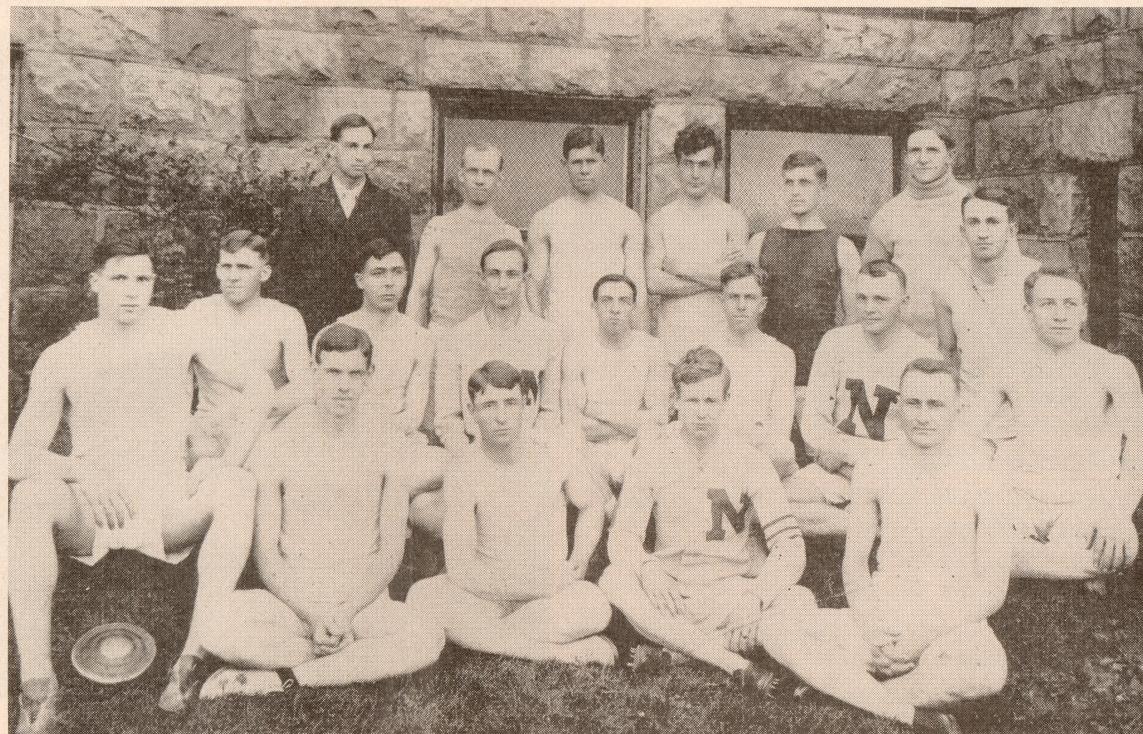
1905 — The varsity football team was very successful.

1906 — The varsity baseball team was undefeated.

1907 — The varsity baseball team was undefeated.

Normal College News *Sports*

TRACK CHAMPIONS OF 1912



The Normalite track squad of 1912 poses in front of the then modern Gymnasium after completing one of the traditionally successful thinclad seasons. These men in their "union suit" track uniforms set the example which Huron track teams have duplicated for the past thirty-seven years to place Michigan Normal as the number one college track power in the United States.

W. Bowen Pioneer "May Day on the Green" will Feature In Normal Sports Four Episode Program, Thursday at 4:00

by Larry Dolot

by Bernadine Newsom

One of the most renowned men ever to tread the grounds of this campus was Professor W. P. Bowen. Mr. Bowen is known for his contributions to the medical and physical education profession. The present department of physical education was started by him in 1894.

Professor Bowen was born in Chelsea, Michigan, and died September 5, 1928, in Ypsilanti, Michigan. He graduated from Chelsea High School and taught one year in the county union school of that township. He entered Michigan State Normal College in 1883.

For three years after his graduation he was an assistant in the college department of mathematics, and at the same time attended the University of Michigan graduate school.

He then studied at Harvard under the eminent Dr. Sargent, leaving that institution to become head of the physical education department at the University of Nebraska and of the city schools of Lincoln, Nebraska. He held this position for three years and then returned to his alma-mater in 1893 to head the department of physical education, a position he held with distinction to the time of his death.

Mr. Bowen was a prolific writer as well as a teacher and his works in the field of anatomy are still used as standard sources in colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Episdoe II will be the heavens preparing for the spring. Dances for this scene are "The Clouds" a

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Physical Education Club Will Put Burton Scholarship Into Action

by Bernadine Newsom

In 1928, the Physical Education Club with the help of many alumni and friends established the Wilbur P. Bowen Memorial Fund. The fund aided many worthy students who are now filling responsible positions in the field of education. In 1948, the club changed this to a scholarship fund. A scholarship of \$75.00 to be presented alternately one year to a man the next to a woman.

With the centennial year for the college and the department presenting a revival of Mrs. Burton's "May Day on the Green", the department has worked to establish a scholarship commemorating her work. This is a scholarship for women.

Fannie Cheever Burton was the first teacher of Physical Education for women at Michigan State Normal. Mrs. Burton during her lifetime gave generously both her time and money to help establish the department.

The fund was started with \$100.00 donated by the Physical Education Club, and the faculty of the department contributed \$103.00.

Daily donations and pledges have been coming in to help complete the fund before the centennial. Letters have come from all over the country and several from other nations. Many letters have come from interested people. Among these are: Mrs. Mary Ida Mann Cody, who was Mrs. Burton's first assistant; Mrs. Myra Byrd Bowman, who played the piano for the first gym class, in 1894; and Mrs. Vera Ruth Inman Clark, the first May Queen.

Charter members of Mrs. Burton's sorority, Pi Kappa Sigma, sent in a number of unsolicited contribution. The graduates of the June 1948 class have sent in numerous contributions. Of 55 graduating classes few are unrepresented.

Mrs. Burton had many personal friends who were not in the Physical Education Department. She was very popular with everyone. In the letters, which were sent with the donations, were many wonderful comments as to the character of Mrs. Burton.

After retiring from the Physical Education Department, Mrs. Burton became the first social director of the college.

The committee, Miss Ruth L. Boughner, Miss Dorothy Copony, Miss Augusta M. Harris, Mr. Merrill Hershey, and Dr. L. W. Olds aided by the Physical Education Club sent out over 1,000 letters to alumni, faculty, and friends. To date there is \$1,105.00 cash, \$53.00 pledged, and \$23.00 for expenses in the fund.

This project will enable a woman to receive a scholarship every year. This will aid many worthy students to go into the field of education to continue the work of Mrs. Fannie Cheever Burton, for whom the fund was so appropriately named.

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Double Header Track Program To Feature Saturday's Sport Program

by Bob Parks

Ypsilanti track fans will get to see plenty of action on the cinders, Saturday at Briggs Field. As the closing feature of the Centennial celebration, Huron Coach George Marshall offers a double-header track program. Michigan Normal meets Baldwin Wallace while the high schools of this area engage in the Michigan High School Athletic Association regional meet. The high school finals are at 1:00 p.m., while the BW meet follows immediately after—(probably at about 4:30 or 5:00 p.m.)

The team favorites in the regionals are as follows: Class A: Saginaw High and Flint Northern; Class B: Ypsilanti and Plymouth; Class C: Milan, Dundee, and Ypsilanti Roosevelt. Individual stars are: hurdlers — Collins, Northern; Goodridge, Dundee; and Benjamin, Milan; dashmen — Garrett, Saginaw; and Harding, Plymouth. Distance men — Hickman, Roosevelt; Ellis and Conley, Saginaw; Davis, Belleville; Leland, Roosevelt; and Wynn, Jacobs, and Buck of Ypsilanti. Field events men include: Keyes and Smith of Saginaw; Perry and Hill, Ypsi; Waggen-schutz and Heintzman, Plymouth; Fisher of Trenton.

Michigan Normal then meets an individually strong, but weakly balanced Baldwin Wallace squad. The Yellow-Jackets are strong in the broad and high jump, the 440, the 220 and low hurdles, and in the mile relay, but have little in the rest of the events.

Wilbur Ross of BW high jumps and broad jumps as does Gunnar Katzmar while the latter also runs the 220 or low hurdles, the 440 and anchors the relay team of Mesig, Mihuta, Theodore, and himself.

Wardell Gilliam will have a race on his hands when he meets Theodore and Katzmar in the 440. Ted Theodore beat him indoors by a scant margin, but Wardell backed by Abie Ulmer, seeks his revenge. Other number one distancemen are: Don, 1:55.7, at Miami; Smith in the 880; Al Pingel in the mile and Bob Dean in the two miles.

Jim Bibbs and Dick Johnson in the sprints; Norb Badar in the

hurdles; and the mile relay team of Gilliam, Ulmer, Badar, and Smith round out the running event entries at least as far as the number one men go. Jack Weiss in the shot and discus and Stan Johnston in the javelin are the weight men while Tim Keyes in the broad jump and Jim Brodie in the high jump top the field event men.

Captain Forrest Naveaux should have little trouble with his specialty, the pole vault. "Forrie" has cleared 13' several times and consistently clears 12'6".

It will be an interesting afternoon for the track addicts with high school preliminaries starting at 10:30 A.M.

Baseball Nine Will Play Three

Before the next issue of the Normal News, Michigan Normal's baseball team will tangle in three contests in an attempt to better their present season's record of seven wins and two defeats. The Hurons will meet two of the opponents for the first time this season and have already defeated the other.

Friday, May 20, the Normalites will meet the University of Detroit in Detroit while Tuesday, May 24, they entertain the diamondmen of Hillsdale at Briggs Field. On Wednesday of next week, May 25, the Hurons will journey to Bowling Green, Ohio, in an effort to once more defeat the Falcons.

Both the Titans of U of D and Hillsdale boast a strong nine this year and will be a true test of the Green and White strength. The Bowling Green contest should be a very good ball game as it will be remembered that at Briggs Field it took the Normalites ten innings to finally defeat the Falcons 3-2.

The Hillsdale contest will get

the sprints; Norb Badar in the under way at 3:30 p.m.

Normal College News Sports

Huron Net Squad Has Perfect Record

by Al Fleming

The Michigan Normal Tennis team, intent on sweeping through the season undefeated, stretched its winning streak to nine consecutive games last week in two hard-fought contests — overpowering Albion College 6 to 3 and barely nosing out Toledo in a close one, 4 to 3.

The Albion affair was much closer than the score indicates, for the teams broke even in the singles, taking three apiece. In three of the matches it took an extra game to decide the winner.

Gene Claire, one of Normal's most dependable netters, played No. 1 singles against Castrell of Albion. Castrell unexpectedly pulled a victory out of the hat as he came from behind to defeat Gene by a close 6-2, 2-6, 7-5 margin.

Normal's Dick Sunday reversed the tables as he upset Albion's No. 2 man, Gregory. The Albion player had taken the first game 6-4, but Dick fought hard and won the next two 6-2, 6-2 to tie the match at one all.

Normal grabbed the next two games as their No. 3 and 4 men came through nicely to defeat their opponents. Alex Pommichowski, who has been playing good steady tennis throughout the season, had a comparatively easy time in downing White of Albion 6-4, 6-2, while Lloyd Keller battled all the way as he outfought Albion's Frevest 6-2, 9-7.

At this stage of the match a victory for Normal looked like a sure thing — but when Miller was upset in his match by Kehe of Albion 4-6, 8-6, 6-2, and Nederlander dropped his match to Albion's Ungrodt, the contest was thrown into a deadlock — the outcome hinging upon the doubles matches.

The Normalites proved that they could come through when they had to, and proceeded to slam the doubles.

In the doubles, Claire and Sunday whipped Bangs and Jones 6-3, 6-2, Keller and Pommichowski outlasted White and Ungrodt in a 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 duel, and the

Linksman Win Three, Tie Three, Lose Four

In the Normalites links season so far this year the Hurons have tied three, lost four and won three matches. The golfers have defeated Bowling Green University, Central Michigan, and Grand Rapids Junior College.

While dropping two matches to the University of Toledo, and one each to Lawrence Tech and University of Michigan Junior Varsity. They have come out with victories against the University of Detroit twice and University of Michigan Junior Varsity once.

In medalist play (lowest score for individual player) the Hurons have been more successful as they have failed to place in the number one position in only three matches. Earl Burt 1948 links captain and holder of the Washtenaw Country Club record at 65, leads the list of medalist with five to his credit and tying for two more. Bob Nickels, this season's captain, has won the honor twice while tying for it on two other occasions.

University of Toledo, University of Detroit, and University of Michigan Junior Varsity are the squads which have successfully captured the coveted honor.

Last season the Green and White squad boasted a season's record of thirteen wins and ten losses.

Miller-Nederlanden combination won over their opponents Harrison and Johnson 6-4, 6-2.

It was once again good team work in the doubles matches which enabled the Normalites to get the nod. Trailing 3 games to 2 as they entered the doubles event, the Normal netters came alive.

Claire and Sunday relieved much of the pressure when they defeated Rakestraw and Sharfman 6-3, 6-3. But it was Lloyd Keller and Jim Miller who saved the day, as they emerged victorious in a hard-fought contest against Riedmeyer and Andrews 6-4, 10-8.

Final Score: Normal 6 - Albion 3

Playing Normal for the second time this season, a never-say-die Toledo University squad came out on the short end of a 4-3

Batsmen Lose Number Two of Season As Central Chippewas Scalp Them 4-2

For the second time this season Michigan Normal's baseball squad went down to defeat as it bowed to Central Michigan 4-2 yesterday, May 17. Leo Roslya, Chippewa southpaw, went the distance on the mound as he held the Normalites to five hits and two runs.

Jim Martin, who went the distance for the Hurons, was charged with the defeat which makes his first loss of the season in five starts. Jim allowed the Central nine seven hits and four runs.

The Normalites with this defeat have a season's average of seven victories and two defeats to their credit. The Hurons dropped a lose contest to Michigan State earlier in the season 13-10 for their only other defeat.

The Central Michigan contest got underway under overcast skies and in the sixth the squads retired to shelter for ten minutes due to a heavy downpour. The contest was resumed, however, and was completed in a continuous drizzle of rain.

The Chips recorded the first tally as they put a man on base in the second, on an error, who was moved to third on a single and scored by the next hitter on another one bagger. The Normalites tied up the ball game in their half of the fifth when Ted Bott, Green and White catcher, doubled to center and was scored on a single by hurler Martin.

In the sixth the Central nine sent two more men around the circuit as they collected three hits and two runs. They scored their last tally in the eighth.

The Hurons only other run came in the eighth also, as short stop, George Mantarian, doubled to center, and scored on a fly ball to center by Martin.

Due to the wet outfield after the sixth inning several easy to handle ground balls to the outfield were bobbled.

Martin looked very good on the rubber for the Normal squad and did equally well at the plate, collecting two hits in his three trips to the plate.

TOTAL STANDINGS

Dormitory

Unit I	111
McKenny	106
Munson I	104
Independents	88
Ann Arbor	70
Unit II	63
Munson IV	60
Munson II	43
Munson III	38

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MSNC Conservatory of Music Organized In 1881; Music Taught Here Since 1849

by Dave Sanborn

It has been the policy of the Michigan State Normal College to have music taught as a regular study from the second year of its existence. The amount and quality of the work done has varied from time to time, but the idea has been kept prominently in mind that the students should have a certain amount of musical instruction and training each term.

The regular teaching of music by artists and teachers began in 1854, under the direction piano, organ, violin, and singing, of Prof. Albert Miller, who laid a solid foundation for the music fine band and orchestra leadership department. A considerable portion of his music was of the classical order.

Madrigal Choir Organized When Professor Pease died in 1909, his position was given to Mr. Frederick Alexander. Mr. succeeded in that year by Professor P. M. Foote, of Lockport, Lindegrin, vocal instructor, N. Y. Mr. Foote possessed a fine, ringing voice, commanding presence, and other qualifications which a popular leader requires. He changed the classical and somewhat severe work which had been done under Professor Miller to a light and pleasing study of the songs of the day, which was highly appreciated by the students and citizens of Ypsilanti.

Professor Foote closed his connection with Normal in 1863 and was succeeded by Professor F. H. Pease, who held the position of head of the department of music until his death in 1909. Prof.

Pease is regarded as a pioneer in the teaching of music, and his term of service is one of the longest in the history of the College.

Conservatory Set Up in 1881

The Normal Conservatory of Music was organized in 1881 with Professor Pease as its first director. The Normal band, choir, and orchestra concerts have always presented the best in music, and teachers of music trained at Normal are scattered far and wide throughout the state and country.

After the organization of the Conservatory of Music, it was for thirty-seven years located in the old Conservatory building, now the site of the Arts Building.

Auditorium Built, 1916

On the completion of the Auditorium in 1916, the Conservatory of Music was moved into its present rooms.

The scope of the work of the Conservatory, which for many years was confined to the train-

nois, held on Friday, May 13.

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Great Strides In Curriculum Noted

by J. Gordon

According to the act of legislature establishing Michigan State Normal College, the exclusive purpose of the school was to be "the instruction of persons, both male and female, in the art of teaching, and in the various branches that pertain to a good common school education; also, to give instructions in the mechanic arts, and in the art of husbandry and agricultural chemistry, in the fundamental laws of the United States, and in what regards the rights and duties of citizens."

Methods Have Changed

Actually the functions of the college have changed little over the last 100 years, however, the methods of achieving the above aims have changed tremendously. The student entering the college today may make his choice of 17 different teaching degrees, or may take a general degree in any of a dozen different fields. He can take preparatory work for almost any profession, and throughout his four year stay has a choice of hundreds of different courses.

The student who entered the college in the days of its infancy had very little choice of any kind. He was limited to only two types of teaching certificates and there was no choice in the non-teaching field. The only non-educational course he could pursue was a two year English curriculum.

Curriculum Criticized

In the first few years of Michigan Normal's existence, much criticism was leveled at the college. It was charged that the school was not taking the proper steps for the training of teachers, that the majority of students enrolled were not interested in the teaching profession, and that the college was functioning on no better than an academy level.

An academy education in those days would be equivalent to high school in these days. In an effort to satisfy the critics a new curriculum was set up in 1869.

The last two years of that teaching curriculum are printed in full below.

THIRD YEAR

Winter Term: Latin (No. 3) and German (No. 3), Experimental School Work, Trigonometry and Applied Mathematics, French and Greek (Greek for gentlemen, French for ladies) Chemistry.

Summer Term: Latin (No. 4) and German (No. 4), Experimental School, Greek (No. 2) French (No. 2), Geology.

FOURTH YEAR

Winter Term: Intellectual Philosophy, Latin (No. 5) German (No. 5), Greek (No. 3) French (No. 3), History of Education and School Laws of Michigan, Experimental School.

Summer Term: Philosophy of Education, Latin (No. 6) German (No. 6), Professional Ethics, Greek (No. 4) French (No. 4).

Presides At Inauguration



The Honorable Stephen S. Nisbet will preside at the inauguration of Eugene B. Elliott as Fourteenth President of Michigan State Normal College.

Ind. Arts Majors Announce Activities For Centennial

The Industrial Arts Department is following the festive air about the campus and announces some of its activities to take place during centennial week. The usual well engineered float built by members of the Industrial Arts Club will be in the parade.

Plans are being carried out by a committee headed by Howard Maynard to hold a luncheon Saturday noon for returning alumni. Simultaneously announced is the date of the annual Spring picnic to be held by the I.A.C. at Recreation Park, May 24th. For that event Glenn Dickerson will head the food committee, Joe Stachnik the sports committee, Ben Davis and John Knapp will be the grounds committee.

STUDENTS Remember to Vote In Student Council Election Wednesday, May 25, 1949 8 a.m. — 4 p.m.

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Centennial Brochure Lists Achievements

by A. J. Ulmer, Jr.

The Brochure for the Centennial Celebration has been printed to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of Michigan State Normal College. Between its covers are many pictures, narratives and achievements of this college.

Inside the covers is an article of introduction from the College President, Dr. Eugene B. Elliott. The "Normal Story" is told on seven pages. An aerial view of the campus centers the folder.

Space in the Brochure is devoted to training of the teacher; campus activities, then and now, and the dormitories. The remainder of the content deals with health, religion, athletics, publications, speech, and Alumni activities.

The content of the Brochure shows the time and work spent by the committee in making its publication possible.

M. E. A. To Hold Open House During Centennial Week

The Michigan State Normal College District of the Michigan Education Association will maintain "open house" during the Centennial celebration at Welch Hall.

Guests will be received through the west entrance where special quarters have been arranged. Members of the local district will be on hand to act as hosts and serve refreshments to visitors. Special souvenirs of the centennial have been prepared by the committee in charge and will be distributed to all guests.

Miss Virginia Vint is chairman of the local committee. Present officers of the M.S.N.C. district are: Mr. Earl Studt, president; Miss Susan Stinson, vice-president; and, Mr. Duane Chamberlain, Secretary-Treasurer.

Ten High Schools Enter In Language Program

Saturday afternoon the Department of Foreign Languages played host to more than one hundred high school students from southeastern Michigan who came to the campus to participate in reading French and Spanish poetry. Ten high schools were represented. After the recitations the high school students were taken for tours of the campus, and then returned to McKenny Hall where the winners of recent college contests presented a program for them. Refreshments were served. Miss Doyne Wolf was in general charge of arrangements.

"A Delightful College Community"

All of the older residents of Ypsilanti recall how often these words have been used to characterize Ypsilanti.

Up to the year 1930 Ypsilanti was primarily known and referred to as a thriving, growing, attractive small community with the charm that any community usually enjoys because of the presence of a college.

From a strictly material standpoint the institution is worth at least three and a half million dollars per annum to the economic well-being of Ypsilanti. But its cultural value to all of us, particularly to our young people, is something that we can't fully measure. Suffice it to say that Ypsilanti without the college simply could not be the fine, prosperous city this it is today or has been for the past 100 years.

We are proud of M. S. N. C. We salute the faculty, alumni and students on this auspicious birthday occasion.

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